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Dear Colleague:

This letter is to inform you that the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has temporarily suspended the collection of the Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) Mortality Report Form (SAMHSA form number SMA-185). The report form is no longer available on SAMHSA's website and the online submission process through SAMHSA's Extranet has been disabled. The Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) is currently working with SAMHSA's Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality (CBHSQ) to conduct a pilot study to collect mortality reports from OTPs. You will be notified when this study will begin and given a chance to participate in this effort to advance the public health and safety of those individuals affected by substance use disorders.

SAMHSA would like to thank all of the OTPs that submitted mortality reports since November 2008, when the voluntary reporting program first began. The data submitted to date has allowed SAMHSA to monitor trends in opioid mortality. SAMHSA looks forward to working with you as we improve the OTP Mortality Report Form and the collection process.

If you have any questions, please contact Alina Salvatore at alina.salvatore@samhsa.hhs.gov or (240) 276-2755.

Sincerely,



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